

Hello, I hope you are well! I am writing to plead that you keep the resources that are allotted to us Traumatic Brain Injury survivors. They are a useful option because they are most certainly needed! Look at me, for example. I received my TBI when a week before going to start getting my Master's Degree I was a passenger in a car that crashed on the passenger side. It luckily only TEMPORARILY killed me because the amazing doctors were able to bring me back to life and I spent the next 13 months in the hospital.

At first my outlook was dim. I did not even remember my own mother/best friend at first my TBI was so severe. Yet I was able to use all the state's awesome support and help to rebuild to where I am now, and people seem really impressed with my recovery? I started going back to the community college nearby to rebuild my learning skills, and after a few classes I felt prepared for my Master's again so I took a class at the University of Connecticut and did ok (by everyone else's standards and not mine- I got a B!) Just know, I take all the class's credit because I did not like even needing the help I got sometimes (I was allowed to hand in my work later, etc) yet I certainly needed the help I got outside of the class, like just attending the school because my license expired in the hospital and I lost the ability to use my ankles. (But just know, I WILL get my license back one day!) I am going to take a break with my Master's journey for a bit, however, because I'm sure you can imagine the debt I gained being hospitalized so long and universities are generally rather pricey. I am glad I took the classes though because one day I may feel more ready to finish my Master's degree, and also, even if I don't, taking the college classes most certainly helped me with dealing with my new Traumatic Brain Injury.

Therefore, I believe it is obvious I very much needed the help I received so let me just thank you SO much for making my life be one with a meaning again! I really appreciate all the help that I need yet luckily receive! I would love if we kept the support there so others going through the journey I was forced to make may also have the help and options I was/am lucky enough to receive from the state. So again, let me just express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the help I had and still have/need. I by no means like needing it, yet feel so thankful I have the options available. So thank you and if you ever want proof these resources are being used to improve the lives of Connecticut residents, just look up the story of K. [redacted] M. [redacted]! Thank you!

With much appreciation,
K. [redacted] M. [redacted]